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MEMORANDUM FOR : Acting Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Acting National Intelligence Officer for Narcotics

SUBJECT : 25 August Meeting of the National Narcotics Border
Interdiction Systems Coordinating Committee

1. The meeting was chaired by Admiral Murphy, who opened the meeting by reviewing the current status of the program. He expressed displeasure about the current "flood" of cocaine in the United States -- despite the sizeable narcotics seizures which had taken place since the 10th of June: over a million pounds of marijuana, 7222 pounds of cocaine, 44 pounds of heroin, and 34,000 pounds of Thai sticks. He was upbeat concerning the efforts the agencies were making -- especially Defense. Nevertheless, he was concerned about the seeming inability of this expanded effort to more effectively interdict the flow of narcotics coming into the country. Gaps in radar coverage and other resource shortcomings were discussed but found to be difficult to rectify without budgetary action. He commended the Intelligence Community for its improved narcotics-related product. Special narcotics interdiction operations are being planned for the October-December period.

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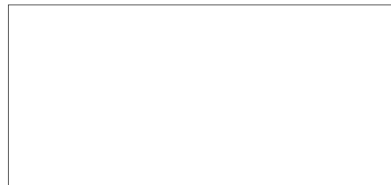
2. Next week, Admiral Murphy will be going to Canada for talks aimed at getting Canadian assistance on border interdiction. The Canadians, however, appear to be more concerned about drugs flowing into Canada from the US than from Canada to the US. Murphy concluded his presentation by restating the President's personal interest in the entire drug program, specifically his interest in "forfeiture" as a way of stiffening the penalties for drug traffickers.

3. Following Murphy's presentation, the representatives of each of the agencies present gave their view concerning the NNBIS program. Most agency statements were general and upbeat. Coast Guard dealt with the specifics of programs, equipment, and personnel that were being applied to the effort. I did the same for the Intelligence Community, noting that:

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- several narcotics-related NIES have recently been published, and more are under way;
- the Cuba working group has identified potential contributions NSA can make once legal problems are resolved;
- we are focusing our analytic abilities to more precisely target international narcotics information;
- we have identified three CIA annuitants to conduct training at the five Border Interdiction Stations;
- and finally, that the Intelligence Community effort will further increase when the additional personnel funded in the '84 budget come on board.

4. All agencies present agreed that the real payoffs from NNBIS would occur further in the future than Murphy or the Vice President had initially anticipated. Based on Murphy's comments I expect that the 8 September meeting will include Vice Presidential pressure to accelerate efforts so that quantifiable results will be available sooner.



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